

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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CONTRACTUAL MARRIAGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any instance of poor young girl getting married to foreign national on contractual basis has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any inquiry has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the action taken against the persons found responsible;
- (e) whether the Government intend to rehabilitate such distraught girls;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a),(b)&(c) The National Commission for Women (NCW) took notice of and held investigation during July, 2004 into one case of a minor girl of Thane District, Maharashtra allegedly being sold to a Yemini national for Rs.10,000/- under the guise of marriage by a close female relative of the girl.

(d) As per information given by the Government of Maharashtra, almost all of the persons found involved were arrested.

(e)&(f) As informed by the Government of Maharashtra, if such girls are brought before the concerned Child Welfare Committee, they can be admitted to the children home for further rehabilitation.

(g) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of External Affairs, India's diplomatic missions in the Gulf countries have been instructed to discreetly monitor those seeking visas to ascertain the genuineness of the intended purpose of the visit. The Embassies of the Gulf countries have been apprised of this issue during the Gulf Division's interaction with these Embassies.

As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Home Affairs, as far as enforcement of Foreigners Act vis-à-vis lodges and hotels is concerned, instructions have already been issued that Managers of all hotels/lodges should report to the police within 24 hours of the arrival of any foreigner in their hotels. They are required to obtain information in the prescribed form indicating the details of the foreigners viz. name, nationality, passport numbers etc.